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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone connections are not being provided on demand in rural areas of Chandrapur and Garchiroli districts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the up-to-date position in regard to waiting list in these districts; and

(d) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided to people of these districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): All efforts are made to provide connections to applicants within a reasonable time period. However, some waiting list in rural areas of Garhchiroli and Chandrapur district is pending due to small and scattered demand from far flung areas, where telephone network of BSNL is not available presently.

(c) The waiting list position as on 30-06-2004 is as under:

District	Waiting List		
	Urban	Rural	Total
Chandrapur	423	1730	2153
Garchiroli	134	427	561

(d) WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) is planned to clear the pending waiting list for telephone. With effect from June, 2005, telephone connections are likely to be provided to people of these districts.